

## Acadiana leads state in workforce training grant awards

Forty six Acadiana businesses net more than \$6 million in funding

**Lafayette, LA**—With two months left in the state fiscal year, Acadiana businesses will receive more Incumbent Worker Training Program grants for workforce training than any other area in the state.

To date, the Louisiana Department of Labor has approved 43 contracts for 46 Acadiana businesses, totaling \$6,169,086. At least 13 additional grants, totaling more than \$1 million are under review and should be approved prior to June 30.

“A skilled workforce is vital for strong Acadiana businesses,” said Gregg Gothreaux, president and CEO of the Lafayette Economic Development Authority. “The region’s low unemployment means a smaller workforce for employers to choose from. IWTP investments help ensure that employers, who may have to hire less experienced workers, can get the training they need to increase their competitiveness and sustain economic growth.”

Funded by state unemployment insurance taxes, IWTP was created in 1997 by the Legislature to help employers around the state provide customized training for their workers. To qualify for the program, a business must have been in operation in Louisiana for a least three years and have at least 15 employees to be trained. The Small Business Employee Training program provides standardized training for businesses with 50 or fewer employees.

“These funds provide critical resources for area businesses,” said Gothreaux. “Developing a skilled regional workforce is a top priority and the state’s workforce programs continue to greatly benefit our region.”

LEDA will host a workforce training seminar, Training Grants & Funding, to provide information on IWTP and other workforce training resources. The seminar takes place on Wednesday, May 23, at 9 a.m., at the LEDA Resource Center, 211 E. Devalcourt St.

A complete list of Acadiana approved IWTP contracts and information on other regions in the state is attached.

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| <b>Lafayette Region Incumbent Worker Training Approved Awards FY 2006-2007<br/>As at 4-30-2007</b> |             |                |                    |
|--|-------------|----------------|--------------------|
| <b>Company Name</b>  | <b>City</b> | <b>Funding</b> | <b># employers</b> |
| Acadian Ambulance Service  | Lafayette   | 362,981        | 1                  |
| Access Oil Tools   | Broussard   | 62,783         | 1                  |
| AGI Industries Inc.  | Lafayette   | 59,852         | 1                  |
| American Pollution Control Inc   | New Iberia  | 122,713        | 1                  |
| Aries Marine Corporation   | Youngsville | 189,826        | 1                  |
| Aviation Exteriors Louisiana   | New Iberia  | 43,650         | 1                  |

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| Bank Of Commerce & Trust   | Crowley     | 84,904           | 1                  |
| Candy Fleet Corporation  | Morgan City | 184,355          | 1                  |
| CETCO Oilfield Service   | Broussard   | 132,044          | 1                  |
| Control Concepts   | Maurice     | 68,572           | 1                  |
| Crown Oilfield Services I  | Morgan City | 86,840           | 1                  |
| Delmar Systems Inc.  | Broussard   | 82,139           | 1                  |
| Dynamic Industries Inc.  | New Iberia  | 193,188          | 1                  |
| Eurest Support Services  | Lafayette   | 274,543          | 1                  |
| Fire & Safety Specialists  | Lafayette   | 120,439          | 1                  |
| Flex Med Inc.  | Lafayette   | 33,550           | 1                  |
| Fluid Crane & Construction   | New Iberia  | 97,900           | 1                  |
| Fredericks Mach Tool Shop  | New Iberia  | 60,259           | 1                  |
| Greenes Energy Group LLC   | Lafayette   | 99,132           | 1                  |
| Greystar Corporation   | Lafayette   | 159,985          | 1                  |
| Home Bank  | Lafayette   | 48,810           | 1                  |
| KMC Oiltools, Inc.   | Broussard   | 53,812           | 1                  |
| Laborde Marine Consortium  | Morgan City | 121,702          | 3                  |
| Lafayette Assn For Retarded Citizens   | Lafayette   | 53,031           | 1                  |
| Louisiana Valve Source   | Youngsville | 17,825           | 1                  |
| Offshore Cleaning Systems  | Abbeville   | 76,379           | 1                  |
| PHI Inc.   | Lafayette   | 534,003          | 1                  |
| Preferred Electric Inc.  | New Iberia  | 69,828           | 1                  |
| Pro-Log Inc.   | New Iberia  | 26,627           | 1                  |
| Production Equipment Service   | Lafayette   | 28,573           | 1                  |
| Production Management Industries   | New Iberia  | 941,247          | 1                  |
| Riceland Drilling Co.  | Lafayette   | 25,317           | 1                  |
| Sea Mar Investco LLC   | New Iberia  | 157,240          | 1                  |
| Shannon Hardware Co LTD  | Morgan City | 46,321           | 1                  |
| Soloco, LLC  | Lafayette   | 161,610          | 1                  |
| Stuller Inc.   | Lafayette   | 194,266          | 1                  |
| The Schumacher Group Resources Inc.  | Lafayette   | 318,142          | 1                  |
| Teche Electric Supply Inc  | Lafayette   | 113,275          | 1                  |
| The Nacher Corporation   | Youngsville | 59,230           | 1                  |
| Tobias Inc.  | Erath       | 12,799           | 1                  |
| Trussco Inc.   | Carencro    | 255,310          | 1                  |
| Venture Transport Logistics  | Lafayette   | 196,447          | 2                  |
| WPS Inc.   | New Iberia  | 137,643          | 1                  |
| <b>Total</b>   |             | <b>6,169,092</b> | <b>46</b>          |

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IWTP Approved Contracts  
Regional Comparison  
FY 2006-2007  
As of 4-30-2007

| <b>Region</b>            | <b># of<br/>Approved Contracts</b> | <b>Approved Funding</b> |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Lafayette Region         | 43                                 | \$6,169,086             |
| Shreveport Region        | 20                                 | \$4,080,634             |
| New Orleans Region       | 18                                 | \$3,905,491             |
| Houma Region             | 20                                 | \$3,115,334             |
| Monroe Region            | 25                                 | \$2,963,689             |
| Baton Rouge Region       | 6                                  | \$778,452               |
| Alexandria/ Lake Charles | 8                                  | \$751,328               |